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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 31 remain pending in the application and stand rejected. Claim 8 is previously canceled. Claims 1 – 5, 7, 25, 26 and 29 are amended herein by this amendment.

Claims 1 – 5, 7, 25, 26 and 29 are amended by this amendment for clarity and to affirmatively recite that the base station is applying the base station database rules to communications. This is supported in the specification in general and specifically at page 4, lines 5 – 10 (“Based on the rules shown in Table 1, of the terminals inside room 20, only terminals 34 and 38 may be activated by base station 1 to receive calls.”). No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9 – 11, 15 – 19 and 23 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Number 5,778,304 to Grube et al. Claims 2, 3, 5, 12 – 14, 20 – 22 and 29 – 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Grube et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,230,017 to Andersson et al.

Grube et al. teaches that when “the communication unit is within the predetermined geographic region (203), the communication resource controller transmits a predefined message to the communication unit (205).” Col. 3, lines 31 – 34. “Upon receipt of the predefined message, the communication unit determines whether the predefined message requires an action (206).” *Id.*, lines 43 – 45 (emphasis added). Therefore, any action taken in a Grube et al. system is taken by the communication unit, not the base station. *Id.*, lines 45 – 50. That action may be automatic or manual, but it is taken by the Grube et al. communication unit not the base station. *Id.*, lines 50 – 52.

Since the Grube et al. communication unit determines whether to respond to the message, Grube et al. does not teach or suggest the “respective base station [applying] said base station rules to communications” as claim 1 recites. In particular, Grube et al. fails to teach or suggest that “the base station selectively prevents incoming communications from reaching ones of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals while allowing outgoing communications” as claim 4

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predefined message to the communication unit (205)," teach or suggest "base station rules governing restriction on the base station," as recited in claims 9 (lines 8 – 9), 17 (lines 3 – 4), 28 (lines 5 – 6), 30 (line 9), and 31 (lines 3 – 4) (emphasis added). Therefore, Grube et al. fails to teach or suggest the present invention as recited in claims 9, 17 or 28 or in claims 1 or 4 as amended.

Furthermore, dependent claims 6, 7, 10 – 11, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 23 – 27, include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, 1, 9 and 17, that are not taught or suggested by Grube et al., alone, or further in combination with any other reference of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9 – 11, 15 – 19 and 23 – 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are respectfully requested.

In rejecting dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 12 – 14, and 20 – 22, Andersson et al. is cited to show specific features recited in those dependent claims. However, adding those things to Grube et al. does not result in the present invention. Moreover, altering Grube et al. such that the base station restricts device features, rather than the communications device, destroys a key feature of Grube et al., i.e., the communications controller distributing control messages to connected units. See, e.g., col. 2, lines 21, 22, col. 3, lines 1 – 3, 32 – 34, claim 1, lines 16 – 17, and claim 3, lines 19 – 21. Therefore, the combination of Andersson et al. with Grube et al. does not result in (nor is there any suggestion to modify the combination to result in) the present invention as recited in dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 12 – 14, and 20 – 22.

Similarly, regarding independent claim 29, because Grube et al. teaches that "the communication resource controller transmits a predefined message to the communication unit (205)" (*supra*); and Grube et al. does not teach or suggest "restricting features provided by each said at least one base station to each connected said at least one wireless terminal" as claim 29 recites; and since altering Grube et al. such that the base station restricts device features, rather than the communications device, destroys a key feature of Grube et al., the combination of Andersson et al. with Grube et al. does not result in (nor is there any suggestion to modify the combination to result in) the present invention as recited in claims 29. Regarding independent claims 30 and 31, because Grube et al. teaches that "the communication resource controller transmits a predefined message to the communication unit (205)" (*supra*); and Grube et al. does

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claims 30 and 31, because Grube et al. teaches that "the communication resource controller transmits a predefined message to the communication unit (205)" (*supra*); and Grube et al. does not teach or suggest "base station rules governing restriction on the base station," as claims 30 and 31 recite; and since altering Grube et al. such that the base station restricts device features, rather than the communications device, destroys a key feature of Grube et al., the combination of Andersson et al. with Grube et al. does not result in (nor is there any suggestion to modify the combination to result in) the present invention as recited in claims 30 and 31. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 2, 3, 5, 12 - 14, 20 - 22 and 29 - 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The applicants have considered the other references cited, but not relied upon and find them to be no more relevant than the references upon which the final rejection is based.

Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the proposed amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the final rejection of claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 31 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) and allow the application to issue.

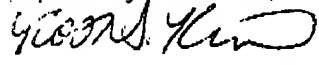
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at telephone number 650-694-5330, for a telephonic interview to discuss any other changes. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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